

REMARKS

Claims 1-53 are pending. In the Office Action dated January 14, 2005, the Examiner objected to the specification for minor errors and asks for the applicant's cooperation in correcting any noted errors. The Examiner noted that the IDS form-1449, submitted December 20, 2004, was not provided. The Applicants hereby submit a copy of the IDS form-1449 for the Examiner's acknowledgement and consideration. Copies of the references were originally provided with the Supplemental IDS as filed December 20, 2004, therefore, copies of the references are not enclosed at this time. Also enclosed is a copy of the return date-stamped postcard as confirmation as received. Please note that a copy of the Supplemental IDS with copies of the related applications is not being resubmitted as the Examiner noted only the IDS form-1449 was not provided. Copies will be provided pursuant to the Examiner's request.

The application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters noted above. Prosecution on the merits has been closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

The principal objection to the claims raised by the Examiner is the use of the word "couple" or "coupled" in certain cases. More specifically, the Examiner does not object to the use of these words when used to link one physical element to another. However, the Examiner objects to the use of these words to indicate that data or a signal is transferred from one location to another. Applicants have therefore amended the claims to use the word "transfer" in place of "couple" and "transferred" in place of "coupled" when referring to the transferring of a signal from one location to another.

The Examiner has also objected to the lack of any antecedent basis for the term "read data" in claim 1. Applicants request reconsideration of this objection. The term "read data" is a well-known term for data that is being transferred from a memory device, and "write data" is a well-known term for data that is being transferred to a memory device. The term "read data" is first used in the paragraph of claim 1 beginning with "a memory device interface." Therefore, when that term it is subsequently used in the paragraph of claim 1 beginning with "a data read control unit," the antecedent basis for the term "read data" is not lacking.

All of the claims in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Postcard
- Fee Transmittal Sheet (+copy)
- 2 Replacement Sheets (Figs. 1-2)
- Copy of previously filed IDS form-1449
- Copy of return date-stamped postcard

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No Amendments to the Drawings:

There are no changes to the figures. Applicants submit 2 replacement sheets to replacement the two sheets originally filed with the application on June 20, 2003.

Attachments: 2 Replacement Sheets